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Texas Theater Employees

On 4-2-61, SA John Lee Threlkett interviewed Mr. Callahan, Manager, Texas Theater, Dallas, Texas. Mr. Callahan said that he was at the back of the ticket counter listening to the radio when he heard the alarm up and down Jefferson Street. He left the theater to see what the excitement was and did not return until Oswald had been removed from the theater and departed the scene.

Mr. Callahan said that the manager at Elko Cinema Grocery Store was in the theater and may have seen something. The manager of Elko Cinema Store was identified as Mr. John Gibson.

Mr. John Gibson, Manager, Elko Cinema Store, 239 West Jefferson, phone WHitchell 2-2335, home address 2931 Anchor Drive, Mesquite, Texas, phone EM9-5805, was interviewed via telephone. Mr. Gibson stated that he was in the theater and that he saw the capture of Oswald and the police taking him out of the theater.

Mr. Harlin Cross, Projectionist, Texas Theater, was interviewed. Mr. Cross stated that he did not see Oswald. He said Julie Portal called up and said that a man ran in that looked suspicious and fitted the description of the assassin. Mr. Cross asked if she wanted the lights turned on and she said no. She later called up and told him to turn on the house-lights, which he did. He said the police then came upstairs and searched for Oswald. He said due to the fire regulations, he was unable to leave the projection booth, and did not see Oswald.

Mr. Vernon (Dutch) Burroughs, ticket-taker and concession operator, Texas Theater, said that he went upstairs with the police as it was first thought that Oswald was upstairs. When they didn't find Oswald upstairs, Mr. Burroughs came back downstairs and saw the police taking Oswald out of the theater. Mr. Burroughs said that he first saw Oswald in the inside lobby of the theater, at the rear of the seats, just before they entered the outside lobby. He then observed the police taking Oswald from this point out to the car.

Both Mr. Callahan and Mr. Gibson said that a man at the shoe store also saw the capture of Oswald. Mr. Gibson said he thought his name was Johnny Hollin and Mr. Callahan said he thought his name was Johnny Burrow.

The above-named four individuals could not name anyone else who saw the capture of Oswald, with the exception of Julie Portal, whom they said the Commission talked with this date.

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